

HOUSE BILL NO. 336

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRUSTEES OF A FIRE DISTRICT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AN ANNUAL REPORT; REQUIRING THAT THE REPORT CONTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-33-2105, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 7-33-2105, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-33-2105. Powers and duties of trustees. (1) The trustees:

(a) shall prepare and adopt suitable bylaws;

(b) have the authority to provide adequate and standard firefighting and emergency response apparatus, equipment, personnel, housing, and facilities, including real property and emergency medical services and equipment, for the protection of the district;

(c) may appoint and form fire companies that have the same duties, exemptions, and privileges as other fire companies for retirement purposes only;

(d) shall prepare annual budgets and request special levies for the budgets. The budget laws relating to county budgets must, as far as applicable, apply to fire districts.

(e) may enter into contracts as provided in 7-33-2107; ~~and~~

(f) may pledge income to secure financing of the district as provided in 7-33-2109; and

(g) within 90 days after the end of the district's fiscal year, shall prepare and submit to the board of county commissioners an annual report that includes but is not limited to the following information:

(i) district finances;

(ii) facility and equipment inventories;

(iii) responses to fire and emergency incidents by the district alone and mutual aid responses;

(iv) service calls and false alarms;

(v) severe weather incidents;

(vi) subdivision plan reviews;

(vii) fire safety inspections;

1 (viii) community education for fire district residents;

2 (ix) operations and fire district risk management and analysis for staff, equipment, and facilities;

3 (x) equipment demonstrations;

4 (xi) firefighter, emergency medical technician, and specialty training;

5 (xii) participation in events with exhibits and displays; and

6 (xiii) the district's safety record.

7 (2) All money received by the trustees must be deposited in the county treasurer's office and credited
8 to the fire district."

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